



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

C 6013726/11
#9/A
(2mos)

In re the Application of **Barker et al**

Application No. 09/837,539

Attorney Docket No. 1032-P02148US1

Filed: April 18, 2001

For: Medical Device with Shield Having a
Retractable Needle

Examiner: Marmor II, Charles

Group Art Unit: 3726

TO 3700 MAIL ROOM

RECEIVED

OCT 28 2002

IN THE CLAIMS

11/01/2002 LFULTON 00000001 047406 09837539

01 FC:1252 Please cancel claims 3,4,6 and 7.

Please amend claims 1,2,5 and 8 and add claims 9-20, as set forth below. A marked-up copy of the claims is provided in Attachment A to show the amendments to the claims.

1. A medical device, comprising:

- a hollow housing;
- a needle having a sharpened tip projecting forwardly from the housing;
- a biasing element biasing the needle rearwardly;
- a needle retainer releasably retaining the needle against the rearward bias of the biasing element;
- a flexible shield fixedly attached to the housing, projecting forwardly from the housing;
- the shield having a forward edge and being configured for insertion into a patient;
- the shield sheathing the needle such that in a projecting position, the sharpened tip of the needle projects beyond the forward edge of the shield, and in a retracted position the sharpened tip is enclosed within the shield;